

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL *for the Eighth Circuit*

STATISTICAL REPORT

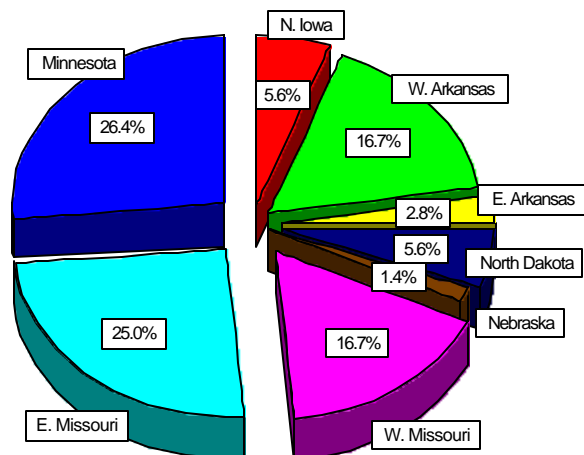
JANUARY 1, 2001 thru September 30, 2001

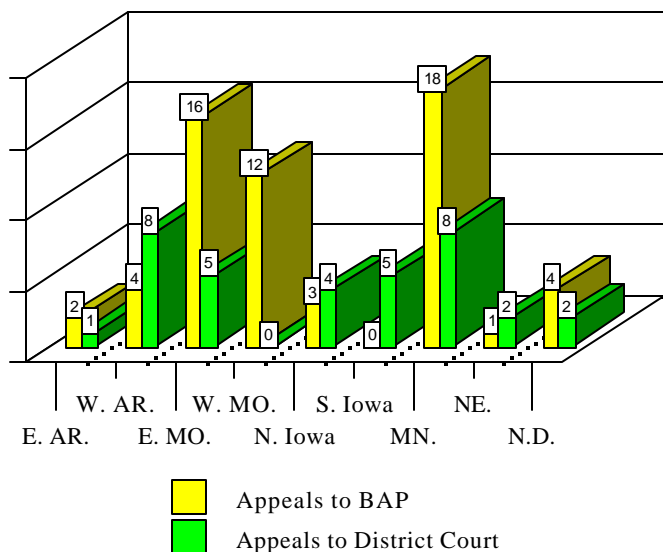
New Case Filings

Seventy-two cases were docketed in the first nine months of 2001. Fourteen of these cases (19%) were filed by pro se litigants. Of the cases filed, forty-three were appeals from contested matters and twenty-nine were appeals from adversary proceedings. The graphics below illustrate the breakdown of case origin by district.

New Cases

Eastern Arkansas	2
Western Arkansas	12
Northern Iowa	4
Southern Iowa	0
Minnesota	19
Eastern Missouri	18
Western Missouri	12
Nebraska	1
North Dakota	4
TOTAL	72





District Court Elections

The chart to the left compares the number of appeals taken to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel with those taken to the District Courts. In the first three quarters of 2001, ninety-five appeals were taken from the Bankruptcy Courts. Sixty of those cases (63%) were appealed to and remained with the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel; thirty-five of the cases (37%) were appealed directly to or were transferred to the District Courts.

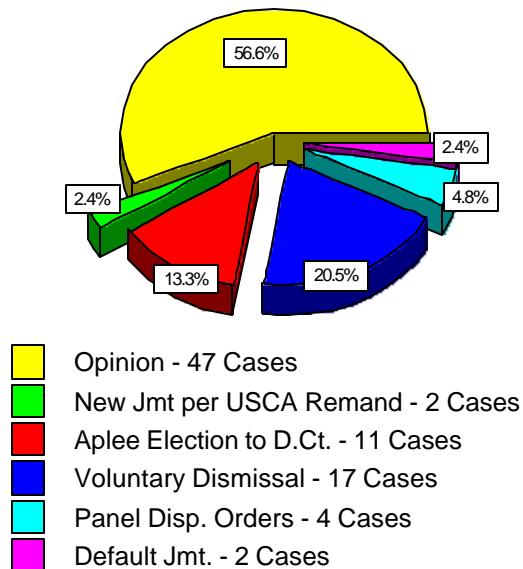
Case Processing Time

Listed in the table below are average processing times calculated for cases submitted on the merits which were subsequently closed between January 1, 2001 and September 30, 2001.

Interval:	1	2	3	Total Processing Time
From:	Docketing	Aplee's Brief	Submission	
To:	Aplee's Brief	Submission	Disposition	
Cases Submitted w/Arg.	71 days 2.3 months	80 days 2.6 months	42 days 1.4 months	193 days 6.3 months
Cases Submitted w/o Arg.	101 days 3.3 months	26 days .85 months	31 days 1 month	158 days 5.2 months
All Cases	81 days 2.7 months	62 days 2 months	39 days 1.2 months	182 days 5.9 months

Panel Referrals

In the first three quarters of 2001, fourteen matters were referred to Administrative Panels. In addition, three matters were referred back to previous panels, resulting in a total of seventeen Administrative Panel referrals. Fourteen cases were submitted on the merits without oral argument and twenty-eight cases were submitted on the merits after oral argument. Hearings were held in St. Paul (2), Kansas City (2), Omaha, Cedar Rapids, Fargo and St. Louis (2).

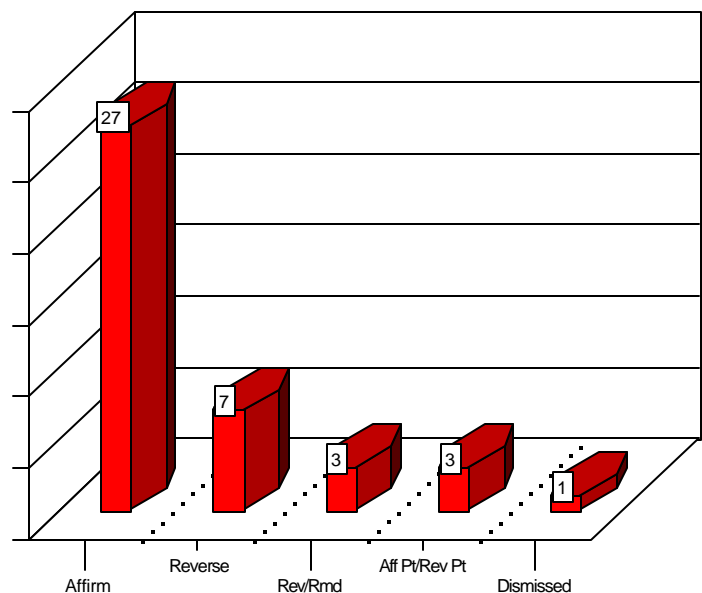


Case Dispositions

Eighty-one cases were closed in the first nine months of 2001. In addition, two previously-closed cases were re-opened and a dispositive order was entered pursuant to a remand order from the 8th Circuit Court. The Panel wrote a total of forty-one opinions which disposed of forty-seven cases. To the left is a breakdown of the method by which each case was closed.

Opinion Breakdown

The chart to the right breaks down each dispositive opinion by its outcome. As shown in the chart, 66% of the opinions affirmed the Bankruptcy Court decision.



Appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals

Sixteen notices of appeal were taken to the Court of Appeals from the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in the first three quarters of 2001. In addition, twelve cases were pending before the Court of Appeals at the beginning of the year. Fourteen cases were closed by the Court of Appeals during the last nine months, leaving a total of fourteen pending cases. Following is a breakdown of the method by which BAP cases appealed to the Court of Appeals were closed:

Affirmed	7
Voluntarily Dismissed	2
Affirmed & Remanded	2
Dismissed	3